

Congressman Childers Rides Along with Marshall County Sheriff's Department, Discusses Recovery Act Funding for North Mississippi Law Enforcement

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Washington, DC - Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) went on a ride-along with Marshall County Sheriff Kenny Dickerson today to discuss funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for law enforcement in North Mississippi. Since its passage in February, the Recovery Act has allocated \$1.1 million in funding for Mississippi's First Congressional District through Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG).

"This significant funding will help the First District fight crime and keep communities safe," said Congressman Childers. "During today's tough economic times, this money will also help save law enforcement jobs and ensure that we have the resources and capabilities we need to protect communities in North Mississippi."

A total of \$7.2 million in JAG funding has been allocated to all four of Mississippi's congressional districts. In addition, the State of Mississippi will receive \$11.2 million, bringing the statewide total to \$18.4 million. Below is a list of JAG funds for the First District:

Jurisdiction Name

Government Type

Eligible Individual Allocation

Eligible Joint Allocation

ALCORN COUNTY

County

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CORINTH CITY

Municipal

\$40,211

\$40,211

CLAY COUNTY

County

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WEST POINT CITY

Municipal

\$38,800

\$38,800

DESOTO COUNTY

County

\$41,270

OLIVE BRANCH CITY

Municipal

\$82,539

SOUTHAVEN CITY

Municipal

\$59,612

HORN LAKE CITY

Municipal

\$29,982

\$213,403

GRENADA COUNTY

County

\$13,051

GRENADA CITY

Municipal

\$89,241

\$102,292

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

County

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OXFORD CITY

Municipal

\$38,448

\$38,448

MONROE COUNTY

County

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ABERDEEN CITY

Municipal

\$19,400

AMORY CITY

Municipal

\$13,404

\$32,804

PRENTISS COUNTY

County

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BOONEVILLE CITY

Municipal

\$10,935

\$10,935

UNION COUNTY

County

\$10,935

NEW ALBANY CITY

Municipal

\$26,102

\$37,037

WINSTON COUNTY

County

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LOUISVILLE CITY

Municipal

\$10,229

\$10,229

BATESVILLE CITY

Municipal

\$19,047

N/A

CALHOUN COUNTY

County

\$16,226

N/A

CHICKASAW COUNTY

County

\$21,164

N/A

COLUMBUS CITY

Municipal

\$72,663

N/A

HOLLY SPRINGS CITY

Municipal

\$87,830

N/A

IUKA CITY

Municipal

\$11,640

N/A

LEE COUNTY

County

\$85,008

N/A

LOWNDES COUNTY

County

\$86,419

N/A

MARSHALL COUNTY

County

\$104,408

N/A

PANOLA COUNTY

County

\$65,255

N/A

RIPLEY CITY

Municipal

\$11,993

N/A

TATE COUNTY

County

\$11,287

N/A

TIPPAH COUNTY

County

\$27,513

N/A

TISHOMINGO COUNTY

County

\$22,928

N/A

TUPELO CITY

Municipal

\$91,005

N/A

Nationwide, \$2 billion will be available in Recovery Act 2009 funding allocations for state and local law enforcement and criminal justice assistance through the JAG Program. These funds can be used for a variety of efforts such as hiring law enforcement officers; supporting drug and gang task forces; funding crime prevention and domestic violence programs; and supporting courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. Additional information about JAG funding can be viewed at <http://www.ojp.gov/recovery/>.

The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded directly to a state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local government. Funding will be used by states and more than 5,000 local communities to enhance their ability to protect communities and combat crime.

The Recovery Act includes more than \$4 billion overall to assist state, local and tribal law enforcement and for other criminal justice activities that help to prevent crime and improve the criminal justice system in the United States while supporting the creation of jobs and much needed resources for states and local communities.

For more information on the First District's and Mississippi's share of Recovery Act funds, visit Congressman Childers' North Mississippi Recovery Tracker at <http://www.childers.house.gov/>.

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